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## 'Explore Salamonie' hikes to be held monthly starting Saturday

Join Upper Wabash Interpretive Services for an "Explore Salamonie" hike at 5 p.m. Saturday, June 5 at Salamonie's Interpretive and Nature Center by 5 p.m. at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Monthly hikes will be held at 5 p.m. during each month's first Saturday through September. Wear appropriate footwear, clothing and bring along your water bottle, sunscreen and bug spray. A set of binoculars or camera may come in handy. Each hike is open to the public and geared for families. Each hike will last approximately 45 minutes to an hour. Registration is requested by calling 260-468-2127. Property entrance fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle apply. State Park Annual Entrance Passes are available for purchase.

## Salamonie and Mississinewa lakes to hold free fishing derbies

Children ages 2 to 14 and their adults are invited to Free Fishing Derbies at Salamonie and Mississinewa lakes on Saturday, June 5, which is an Indiana Free Fishing Day for all state residents. Youth age categories are 2 to 5; 6 to 10; and 11 to 14, with first-, second- and third-prize winners for the largest fish in each age category. Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Rules and regulations will be announced at that time. Youth fishing time will be 9 to 10:30 a.m. An Adult Fishing Contest

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# Possible tax change brings Ag pessimism

By **ANDREW MACIEJEWSKI**  
Chronicle-Tribune Editor

Fears over taxation caused the Purdue Ag Economy Barometer, which measures farmer sentiment, to drop significantly last month, according to results released Tuesday.

Producers, including those in north central Indiana, were less optimistic about both the current and future conditions of the agricultural economy. The index for current conditions dropped 17 points and the future expectations poll dropped 20 points.

"The potential for chang-

ing tax rules and rising input costs appeared to be on producers' minds this month and were the primary drivers for the Ag Barometer's decline," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

More than 78 percent of respondents to the survey said they are very concerned that tax reforms "will make passing their farm on to the next generation more difficult," according to Purdue University reports. Purdue researchers say producers remain "very concerned" about changes to the estate

tax and capital gains taxes.

An index that measures farm financial performance declined this month from its record high in April. Farmers were less optimistic, by a decline of 10 points, but Purdue researchers say the results show that strong crop prices are continuing to support farm incomes since the diminished optimism still registered the index's second highest reading on record.

The overall reduction in farmer optimism resulted in producers saying they are expecting to reduce their machinery purchase and pause construction plans over the next year.

"Rising construction costs are likely a contributing factor to weaker construction plans," Mintert said.

This month's barometer included a new question looking into construction of new buildings and grain bins. More than half said their construction plans are lower than last year with only 28 percent saying their plans are nearly the same as 2020.

As for farmland values, U.S. farmers increased their optimism regarding whether they expect their farmland values to rise over the next five years. Producers remained "bullish" on cash rental rates. Two thirds of

corn and soybean growers said they expect next year's rates to rise, adding that a majority expect rates to rise by at least 10 percent.

Purdue researchers say a discrepancy between livestock and crop sectors is causing a marked shift in the perception of good versus bad times in U.S. agriculture. Only 27 percent of those polled in May said they expect good times in US agriculture, which is the lowest recorded rate on record.

"The difference in expectations for these two principal sectors of the agricultural

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# Temperatures and reading both on the rise

Local libraries welcome back patrons with summer reading programs and events

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

With the weather improving and COVID-19 restrictions easing, local libraries are seeing interest in their in-person summer reading programs on the rise.

At Wednesday's North Manchester Town Council meeting, North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) director Diane Randall said during their annual report that they were pleasantly surprised at the local response to the start of their annual program which began Tuesday, June 1.

Randall said after going virtual last year, the summer reading program participation in the library itself was approaching normal levels again this year.

## WCPL

Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) community outreach coordinator Rachel Castle said they were also busy preparing for their summer reading program, which began Friday, June 4 "with incentives and programs for all ages throughout June and July."

Castle said the theme of this year's WCPL summer reading program is "Tails and Tales" and "will focus on beloved animals in literature and beyond."

Castle said WCPL readers of all ages can begin logging points their points by visiting [www.wabashreads.readsquared.com](http://www.wabashreads.readsquared.com) or through the READSquared app on any mobile device.

"The staff at WCPL is happy to help, by phone or in person, anyone struggling with the online registration process," said Castle.

Castle said there are four reading groups in this year's program: pre-readers, for preschool age and younger; kids, for those in kindergarten through fifth grade; teens, for



Provided photo

The NMPL hasn't had in-person summer reading events since two years ago, in 2019, as shown here.

students in sixth through 12th grades; and adults, for those 18 years and older.

Castle said for pre-readers and kids, each minute read will count as a point. Teens and adults will earn points per page read, or minutes, in the case of audiobooks. Prizes will be awarded based on accumulating points, though point totals vary per age group. Teens will also win raffle entries for small prizes along the way.

"Incentives have always been fun motivators for everyone in this program," said Castle. "We've restructured our prizes a bit this year to add a more competitive element that, we believe, will create an additional spark of excitement."

Castle said one of the new features of the summer reading program this year is a prize for the reader in each age group that logs the highest number of points. The library

will also present one, all-ages grand prize this year, a one-year family pass to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

Castle said in addition, the library will offer many programs throughout the summer. For children in fifth grade and younger, Mystery Maker Bags containing crafts and science experiments will be available every Tuesday and Friday. A special program will

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# \$10K approved for new HCC adult education center

The school is required to raise 20 percent of the \$1 million federal grant

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A new adult education center facility is one step closer to becoming a reality after a \$10,000 funding request was approved by the North Manchester Town Council's regular monthly board meeting on Wednesday.

The funding request was submitted by Heartland Career Center (HCC) principal Mark Hobbs who said they are working to raise the required 20 percent of their federal Economic Development Association (EDA) grant, totaling \$1 million.

"The more support that is raised will offset the amount that will be borrowed by our member school corporations," said Hobbs.

Grow Wabash County president and CEO Keith Gillenwater said they were

supporting this project, which would complete an expansion of the existing HCC facilities.

Hobbs said the goal of member schools – which includes Manchester Community Schools (MCS), MSD, Peru Community Schools, North Miami Community Schools and Wabash City Schools (WCS) – was to construct a 37,000 square foot building to create an adult education center "that will offer advanced manufacturing- and healthcare-related credentials."

"The facility will also be used by our high school students," said Hobbs.

Hobbs said MCS students make up 80 to 90 students each school year.

"The facility will be used to skill up students of all ages that will help attract business and industry to our region and county," said Hobbs.

Hobbs said they have currently raised \$930,000 of the \$1 million total.

"The contribution will be used to add to this total,"

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# ISDH reports 82nd local COVID-19 death

Wabash County positivity rates are up, but advisory still in blue

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Saturday, May 29, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported the 82nd COVID-19 death in Wabash County.

During the weekly update to the ISDH's advisory map on Wednesday, June 2, Wabash County still rated in the blue category, which is the lowest, although the local positivity rate was up slightly.

This news comes as more and more local entities are following state and federal guidelines to lower their mask mandates to advisories.

North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann said they were citing the new guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that "fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state,

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# MCS looking to prepare students for 'Industry 4.0'

\$25K funding request will support automated manufacturing training

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

As the manufacturing industry becomes more and more automated, the skilled workforce needed for these technological advancements must be trained accordingly.

These societal shift has been disruptive, but Manchester Community Schools (MCS) is looking to meet this challenge head-on.

As a result, MCS superintendent Dr. Teresa Gremaux presented a \$25,000 funding request to the North Manchester Town Council during Wednesday's regular monthly board meeting.

Gremaux said the funds would be used towards the purchase of Smart Automation Certification Alliance

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# \$1.2M bequest to provide scholarships at Manchester

Gerda W. Hoover, who died in 2019, published four books of poems and stories

By ANNE GREGORY

The widow of a 1947 Manchester graduate has left a \$1.2 million gift to the University in memory of her husband. The Keith Kindell Hoover Memorial Scholarship Fund will provide scholarships to Manchester students at the direction of Gerda W. Hoover, who died in 2019. Keith Hoover studied communication studies at Manchester and later earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Bethany Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in psychology from Northwestern University.

While studying abroad at the University of Hamburg, Germany, Keith Hoover met Waltraud Gerda Wolff. The two married in 1952 and settled in Lombard, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. Keith Hoover maintained a clinical psychology therapy practice and taught college-level classes. His passion was designing, building and flying radio-controlled model airplanes. He died in 2003. Gerda became an American citizen and earned a master’s degree in German literature from Northwestern. She taught high school and college German. A prolific writer, she published four books of poems and stories. “Leaving such a generous estate gift to his alma mater was a wonderful way for Gerda to honor Keith’s memory,”

said Melanie Harmon, vice president for advancement at Manchester. “That legacy is now part of Manchester’s endowment and it will help educate students for generations to come.” Gifts to an endowment fund are permanently invested to supply a steady, annual source of funds for an enduring impact. Many donors choose to create a fund in honor of a loved one – to commemorate a family legacy or an individual. An endowment can be restricted for particular purposes or unrestricted, at the request of the donor. For information about creating an endowment, call the Office of Advancement at 260-982-5412. Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

## SHS ANNOUNCES FOURTH QUARTER HONOR ROLLS






Southwood Jr./Sr. High School recently announced its honor roll lists for the fourth quarter of the 2020-2021 school year, according to a press release.

**‘All A’ Honor Roll**  
**Seventh grade:** Sylvia Bakehorn, Colleen Boardman, Griffin Chambers, Hailey Collins, Cooper Drake, Owen Enyeart, Malia Mahan, Ivan Ranck, Natalie Sutphin and Lilah Vandermark.  
**Eighth grade:** Quinn Claussen, Grace Drake, Courtney Finney, Zoey Gaylourd, Rowan Goodpasture, Averi Haecker, Mason Hipskind, Daedric Kaehr, Gabriel Mealy, Keaton Metzger and Lucy Vandermark.  
**Ninth grade:** Emma Adams, Randall Boone, Carrie Collins, Liliauna Combs, Libee Price, Micah Smith, Shyanne Stout and Noah Veals.  
**10th grade:** Elise Adams, Bryn Mealy, Katelyn Ranck, Kyle Smith, Dakota Wilson and Alaina Winer.  
**11th grade:** Joseph Bland, Mya Denney, Madison Hipskind, Haley Lanning and Bailey

Wyatt.  
**12th grade:** Maggie Ball, Emily Devore, Natalie Haycraft, Connor Rich and Braden Sweet.  
**‘A/B’ Honor Roll**  
**Ninth grade:** Isabelle Ashba, Naomi Davis, Mylah Dillon, Keaton Frieden, Mazie Ghrist, Brody Height, Nolan Hiner, Danika Holbrook, Coan Holloway, Fritz Kirk, Rachel Lawson, Emily Lochard, Maddox Marshall, Victor Mondragon, Logan Moore, Payton Nelson, Ryan Nelson, Autumn Rasmussen, Wyatt Smith, Olivia Snow, Sophia Temple and Bryce Wilcox.  
**Eighth grade:** Luke Andrews, Audrey Ball, Elijah Boone, Aaliyah Bussard, Taylor Cavins, Cherish Dillon, Hannah Garrison, Isabella Knotte, Hope Niccum, Morgan Powell, Makenna Snow, Duke Sparks, Lydia Topliff, Ian Vanderpool, Ryley Wilcox and Audri Winer.  
**Ninth grade:** Audrey Amos, Macy Barney, Ashley Benavidez, Casey Boardman, Madis-Anne Culver, Derek Deeter, Jaret Denney, Abigail Guyer,





Allie Haecker, Logan Hiner, Hayden Jones, Ethan Lochard, Kaylee Nelson, Kalen Parke, Bryce Rigney, Izabelle Wagoner, Will Winer and Caleb Wyatt.  
**10th grade:** Abigail Campbell, Ella Haupt, Zebadiah Herring, Allianah Lopez, Dylan Stout, Aleia Sweet, Jack Trudell and Anthony Veals.  
**11th grade:** Rylee Barney, Maddison Hunter, Beau Kendall, Ashton Steel, Alison Swain, Madaris, Marissa Metzger, Jared Richards, Trista Roser, Adam Seacott, Brayden Smith, Adam Smith, Alison Swain, Amelia Sweet, Kloe Teulker and Tyler Whitesel.  
**12th grade:** Logan Barley, Thomas Charles, Skyler Claussen, Olivia Cummins, Isabel Davis, Aaliyah Douglass, Jack Guyer, Tristin Hayslett, Monica Hobson, Marissa Jones, Homero Lopez, Erin McGouldrick, Kylie Ray, Shantel Reecer-Crabtree, Zachary Roubush, Madison Snyder, Elijah Sutton, Breklynne Swisher, Paige Wood and Mason Yentes.

### 5-Day Weather Summary

 <b>Saturday</b> Sunny 86 / 63	 <b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy 85 / 66	 <b>Monday</b> Scattered T-storms 83 / 68	 <b>Tuesday</b> Few Showers 82 / 69	 <b>Wednesday</b> Scattered T-storms 84 / 67
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#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 9:07 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 6:16 a.m.

 New 6/10	 First 6/17	 Full 6/24	 Last 7/1
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#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see sunny skies, high of 86°, humidity of 44%. South southwest wind 3 to 10 mph. Expect mostly clear skies tonight, overnight low of 63°. South southwest wind 2 to 9 mph. Sunday, skies will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high of 85°, humidity of 49%.

# Working to save a few friendless U.K. churches

The structure of St. Baglan’s Church in North Wales is simple, with plastered stone walls and whitewashed timbers between the slate slabs of its roof and floor. The 13th-century sanctuary was rebuilt in the 1800s, but the carved doorway lintel dates from the 5th or 6th century. An adjacent field contains the 7th-century well of St. Baglan, and for ages, the faithful sought healing in its waters.

“This church was built on the site of an earlier church and there were sanctuaries here before that. People in Wales have been coming to sites like this for worship back into pre-Christian times,” said Rachel Morley, director of the Friends of Friendless Churches since 2018. During a visit to Llanfaglan parish in Wales, this tiny, abandoned sanctuary was surrounded by sea mists and low clouds from the mountains, she said. Then the sunset light over the Irish Sea “shot under the eaves and the church just lit up inside with golden light. It was a complete sensory overload. That had to mean something.” Was the church designed so that this light would illumine the prayers of evensong? That’s the kind of question members of the Friends of Friendless Churches have been asking since 1957, when Welsh journalist Ivor Bulmer-Thomas founded the charity with the help of poet T.S. Eliot, artist John Piper, British politician Roy Harris Jenkins and others. The group’s stated goal was to preserve historic, “significant” churches “threatened by demolition, decay, or inappropriate conversion.” By the end of

2021, the charity will control 60 churches in England and Wales, almost all of them Anglican sanctuaries. Year after year, the Friends of Friendless Churches watch as 30 or so truly historic churches go on sale, and “there could be many more closed at any time,” said Morley, reached by telephone. Some of these threatened buildings, she said, “have been locked up, but they are in good enough shape that they can last another four or five years. ... We know that at some point we will have to step in and try to save as many as we can.” There is no way to save them all, since the Friends of Friendless Churches network has only 2,000 active members and 200 volunteers, who do hands-on work to keep these treasures safe and intact. The charity receives some funding in Wales through government cultural programs. From the beginning, said Morley, the problem has been defining which sanctuaries are “significant” in terms of history, architecture, or priceless, sacred art. However, the charity also frames its work by quoting Bulmer-Thomas, who argued, “an ancient and beautiful church fulfills its primary function merely by existing. It is, in itself, and irrespective of the members using it, an act of worship. Their message is delivered – not for half hours on Sundays, but every hour of every day of every year, and not merely to those who enter, but to all who pass by.”

Efforts to save these historic churches continue against the backdrop of another crisis, as attendance crashes in the Church of England and sister churches in Wales and Scotland. In 2018, only 12 percent of the population claimed to be active members, and the British Social Attitudes survey found that only about 1 percent of those aged 18 to 24 identified as Anglicans. Morley stressed that the Friendless Churches network has always focused on saving rural, remote churches that no longer have flocks to support them. Many of these sanctuaries lack water or electricity and – unlike churches being closed in urban areas – are of little value to investors seeking future art galleries, bookstores, restaurants or condominiums. It’s sad to see a suburban church “turned into a pizza place,” with an attached graveyard containing the final resting place for generations of the faithful, said Morley. But it’s truly tragic when people – secular and religious – lose priceless, historic treasures that are crucial to the “artistic, architectural and cultural legacy” of their nation. “Some people get what we are doing, but some people do not,” she said. “I don’t believe these remarkable churches belong to any one people living in any one age. They belong to the people who used them as places of worship for centuries. This is what these churches represent. This is a legacy that deserves to be saved.” Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.



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# Indiana man gets 60 years in woman’s 2019 torture-slaying

GOSHEN (AP) — A northern Indiana man has been sentenced to 60 years in prison after pleading guilty for his role in the 2019 torture-slaying of a woman whose body was dumped in southern Michigan. An Elkhart County judge who sentenced Matthew Murzynski on Thursday ordered that the Elkhart man be incarcerated, for his own safety, in a different prison

from two other men awaiting sentencing in the killing of 31-year-old Kimberly Dyer. Dyer was held in the basement of an Elkhart home for hours and brutally abused before her October 2019 murder. The Columbia City woman’s body was found inside a trash bin dumped and covered in a marshy area near Constantine, Michigan.

Murzynski, 25, was set to stand trial alongside Donald Owen Jr., 22, and Mario Angulo Jr., 20, in Dyer’s slaying before he pleaded guilty to felony charges of robbery resulting in serious injury and criminal confinement, The Elkhart Truth reported. Owen or Angulo are awaiting sentencing after being convicted of murder in April during a joint trial in Dyer’s slaying.



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# Obituaries

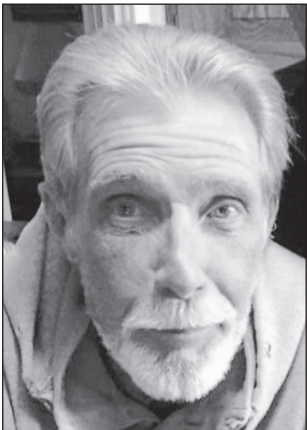
## Dwight Dean Adams

Dean Adams, 70, of Wabash passed away May 30 at Parkview Hospital in Wabash after a long illness due to COPD. He was a lifetime resident of Wabash. He was born May 6 1951 to Harry Jr and Clara Adams. Both deceased. His twin brother David of Sacramento CA survives.

Other survivors include nephew James Borelli Nashville TN and nieces Barbara Boese of Portage IN, Katherine Dick (Adams) of Sacramento CA, aunt Phyllis Price (Charles) of Somerset. Cousins, Shelia Denniston, Marilyn Griffith, Tracy Kline, Tammy Ellet all of Wabash, Kristi Price, of Indianapolis, Brad Price of Lafayette, Glenn Adams, Russiaville, James Collins, Woodbridge VA. Dean was formerly married to Anne Miller of Wabash who also survives.

He was a 1969 graduate of Wabash High School. A carpenter by trade. He was employed locally by Yarnelle Lumber and Todd Bear Construction among others. He was a member of Local 615 United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

He was a 50 year member of Elks Lodge 471 Wabash. He was named Elk of the Year for 2001-2002 and 2007-2008. He was recog-



nized within the Elks as Lecturing Knight 2001-2002 and Loyal Knight 2003-3003.

Dean was a kind and gentle person who was always ready to help others and those in need. He was patient and trusting of others. He always had a smile and kind word. His carpentry skill was his greatest asset. He enjoyed performing quality workmanship. He enjoyed the card room at the Elks. He loved to cook a great meal for friends and relatives. He really enjoyed being near friends and relatives. His smile and personality were a gift he shared with all who came in contact with him.

After cremation a memorial will be held in his honor at the Elks Lodge 471 in Wabash at a date in the future. Memorial contributions may be directed to Elks.

## Beverly J. Howard

Feb. 28, 1931 - June 3, 2021

Beverly J. Howard, 90, of Marion, Indiana, passed away at 12:29 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at Marion General Hospital. She was born on Feb. 28, 1931, in Wabash, to the late Henry G. and Evelyn (Darby) Rebholz.

Beverly is survived by sons, David (Linda) Howard, and Doug (Shari) Howard; one brother, Philip (Linda)

Rebholz; one sister, Norma Young; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A private graveside service will be held at LaFontaine IOOF Cemetery.

McDonald Funeral Homes, Wabash and LaFontaine, have been entrusted with Beverly's arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com).

## Alfredo M. 'Al' Rodriguez

Alfredo M. "Al" Rodriguez, 70, of Wabash, passed away at 8:18 a.m. at Parkview Huntington Hospital.

Al is survived by one son, Jessie Rameriz; one daughter, Jessica Villanueva, both of Wabash; one sister, Delores Rodriguez, of Mexico and three grandchildren, Makenzie Krieger, Keegan Krieger and Kynlee Rameriz.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021 at McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

Friends and family may call one hour prior to the service, starting at 5 p.m., at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com).

## MCS

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(SACA) module equipment start-up costs.

Gremaux said the total costs of the program and equipment would amount to \$100,000.

"Funding is needed to purchase equipment from SACA as a means to embed courses into current class offerings at Manchester High School," said Gremaux.

Gremaux said these courses would allow their students "to attain certifications in preparation for a career in Industry 4.0."

Industry 4.0 – otherwise known as the Fourth Industrial Revolution – refers to increasing manufacturing automation.

"The equipment is a modular program which includes a highly interactive eLearning curriculum, computer simulations, design projects and hands-on workstations. The beginning course is designed to introduce the basic tools and process of mechatronics technology used in Industry 4.0," said Gremaux.

Gremaux said lessons would include machine safety, dimensional measurement, mechanical power, basic electrical circuits, electrical control diagrams and basic robot programming, among others.

"The equipment will be utilized to prepare students for professions that directly impact local and regional industry. Industry 4.0 certifications attained through these courses will afford our students opportunities for high-paying careers right here in North Manchester.

The intent is to give our students skills that will allow them to become productive citizens that live and work in our community," said Gremaux.

Gremaux said they would be using this one-time funding request to purchase the equipment necessary to implement classes in the fall.

"Purchasing the needed equipment is the largest expense and beyond our reach to implement SACA in our current (career and technical education) courses. Training and curriculum will be covered through an Ivy Tech grant and MCS funds. We are currently reaching out to local businesses and regional industry partners for any additional uncollected funds to launch this program," said Gremaux.

"We will work with local businesses that could have a direct benefit from Industry 4.0 certifications."

Grow Wabash County president and CEO Keith Gillenwater said they were "fully supportive" of MCS seeking this SACA certification.

Gillenwater said around one-third of Wabash County's workforce was involved in agriculture and manufacturing, and that most of these jobs were currently held by older workers.

"One of the buzz words is the transition to robotics," said Gillenwater. "This provides credentials and micro-credentials."

After Gillenwater's presentation, the funding request was approved unanimously.

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## WHS RELEASES SECOND-SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

*Wabash High School (WHS) released their second-semester honor roll, according to a press release.*

### All A's

**12th grade:** Madison E. Bartoo, Lingjun Fu and Morgan B. Mallow.

**11th grade:** Anne M. Cole, Breanna N. Keefer and Brycen A. Niccum.

**10th grade:** Morgan G. Butcher, Devin M. Coffman, Andrew J. Dillon, David L. Ford and Grace E. La Mar.

**Ninth grade:** Natalie A. Adams, Chloe J. Bishir, Shyann N. Fisher, Grant S. Ford, Troy A. Guenin-Hodson, Levi T Hyden, Alexa S. Johnson, Calista R. Larowe, Karigan A. Long, Paloma D. Shull, Spencer J. Stout,

Madeline G. Von Uhl, Brooke M. Wagner and Kierra G. Wilson.

### Regular Honor Roll – A's and B's

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## READING

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take place off-site at 10 a.m. each Wednesday. Storytime kits will be available for pick up on Thursdays, though advanced registration is required through the library's online calendar, by visiting [www.wabash.evanced.com/kids](http://www.wabash.evanced.com/kids). Teen craft kits will be offered each Thursday and adults will have kits on Tuesday, June 22 and Tuesday, July 13. Registration is available for these kits but is not required. Tutorial videos will be available on the library's Facebook page for these kits, as well. Youth services will be offering two book kits in June, including Dogman on Friday, June 11 and A Wolf Called Wander on Friday, June 25. Registration for these kits is required through the Children's Room or the library's online calendar.

"Last year, we began using an app-based program for logging summer reading points and take-home kits for all ages. This year, we are excited to incorporate those elements alongside more in-person programming, as guidelines allow," said Castle.

"While space is still limited inside the library building, we will utilize the Storywalk for outdoor meetings quite a bit."

Castle said the WCPL Storywalk – located on Huntington Street at Paradise Springs Park – provides an outdoor space where several of the Wednesday morning programs will take place, along with the introduction of Adult Storytime from 12:15

to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 29. No registration is required and participants are encouraged to bring their lunch to the pavilion. A book discussion will also take place for adults at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 28. Registration and further details are available at the library's online calendar.

"Though our building was operating with limited hours last summer, we saw an impressive number of participants in summer reading. We believe this year will be even better and encourage everyone to sign up and give it a try," said youth services librarian Polly Howell.

Castle said the library offers physical and digital collections for summer reading, though a library card is not required to take part in the program.

### NMPL

NMPL adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann said their theme for this year's summer reading program was "I Heart North Manchester."

"Each year NMPL welcomes readers from North Manchester and the surrounding rural communities," said Hann.

"Incentives, grand prize packs and numerous programs will encourage reading throughout the summer months. Readers of all ages can participate online through the library's free summer reading app, Beanstack, or in person, by stopping by the library to sign up and pick up a paper tracker."

Hann said the theme is "especially meaningful in light of all the community support

NMPL received in 2020."

"The spirit of giving back propels this year's program," said Hann.

"Many of the prizes have been purchased from North Manchester businesses. Numerous programs have been designed to highlight companies around town and to encourage summer readers to support local businesses."

Hann said in addition to daily programs, the library will be hosting the following special summer events.

"We invite all community members to participate," said Hann.

"No library card necessary."

Hann said the NMPL summer reading program relies solely on sponsorships and donations.

"The library extends its thanks to the community for the support received over the years and looks forward to another exciting summer of cultivating a love for books and reading in our community," said Hann.

Upcoming events include:

■ Little Book Shop on Market Street: From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 5; Friday, July 30; and Saturday, July 31. "Browse a wide selection of gently used books under the sun-dappled tables along our front walk. We have titles for children, teen and adult readers available for \$1 apiece," said Hann.

■ Activities on the KenapocoMocha lawn: From 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 9. "Join us on the K-Mo lawn to make java dough and to decorate your very own to-go cup," said Hann.

■ Outdoor Family Bingo: 6 p.m. Friday, June 11. "Bring

the entire family and a picnic supper out to the NMPL lawn for bingo night," said Hann.

■ Roz Puppets on the NMPL lawn: 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 16. "Join the Roz Puppets for a whimsical retelling of a classic tale set in the times of dragons and enchanted creatures. Bring your lunch to the NMPL lawn at noon and enjoy a picnic before the show," said Hann.

"Drinks and snack cakes are on us."

■ Chillz Event: From 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 30. "Head to the Chillz lawn at 1 p.m. for tie-dyeing and ice cream," said Hann.

"All 'Mr. Chillz' ice cream scoops will be free during this program. NMPL will provide limited items to tie-dye but you are welcome to bring your items as well."

■ NMPL Pool Party: From noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 7. "Our most popular summer event is back. Cool off at all sorts of fun water stations on the library lawn," said Hann.

■ Activities at the North Manchester Farmer's Market: From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 17: "Participate in a crazy fun scavenger hunt to win NMPL Bucks and Farmers' Market Tokens," said Hann.

■ Slime Spectacular on the NMPL lawn: From 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 21. "Elephant toothpaste, slimy crafts and goody fun" will be included, said Hann.

For more information, visit [www.nman.lib.in.us](http://www.nman.lib.in.us).

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## DEATH

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local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance."

Hann said because of these changes, their mask requirement had changed to a recommendation beginning Tuesday, June 1.

"We've had wonderful feedback from so many patrons who really appreciated the library prioritizing the safety of staff and patrons," said Hann.

"Several took the time to email us and thank us for keeping the masks as long as we did. Of course, there are always people who aren't fans of the mask mandates, but we hope the community knows that their safety is our first priority."

On Tuesday, June 1, Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) executive director Ware Wimberly said their mask policy had also changed from requiring them to advisory, "so face masks are not required to be worn in the building."

On Friday, May 28, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb signed Executive Order 21-15 to adjust and lift other requirements beginning Tuesday, June 1. The Executive Order removes the mask mandate while in state facilities, except for anyone inside any of these

state government congregate facilities – the state prisons, state hospitals, Indiana Veterans Home and the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Masks are also still required inside COVID testing and vaccination clinics. The order also continues the face-covering requirement inside Indiana schools through June 30. Face coverings are not required outdoors on school grounds.

Holcomb originally announced the statewide change from a mask mandate to a mask advisory would take effect Tuesday, April 6. Mayor Scott Long said on Monday, April 6 that he supported Holcomb's decision, but that caution was still warranted. On the same day, local hospitals including Parkview Health and Lutheran Health Network said they would continue to require masks in their facilities, despite the lifting of the mandate. Also on Monday, April 6, Manchester University assistant director of media relations Anne Gregory said they would continue to require masks at both their North Manchester and Fort Wayne campuses.

On Friday, June 4, the ISDH reported two new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,598, with 15,537 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 5.5 percent. The local seven-day

positivity rating for unique individuals was 14.7 percent.

Also on Friday, June 4, the ISDH reported that 405 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 746,135 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard.

To date, 13,244 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of five from the previous day. Another 417 probable deaths have been reported to date based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

A total of 3,517,652 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 3,515,100 on Thursday. A total of 10,519,723 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26, 2020.

To find testing sites around the state, visit [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov) and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

Hoosiers age 12 and older can receive a COVID-19 vaccine; individuals younger than age 18 are eligible for the Pfizer vaccine only. To find a vaccination clinic near you, visit <https://ourshot.in.gov> or call 211 if you do

not have access to a computer or require assistance. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are accepted at most sites.

Mobile vaccination clinics are available from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, 3718 E. Blue Ridge Road, Shelbyville; and at the Syracuse Community Center, 1013 N. Long Drive, Syracuse.

Patients with an appointment at a state-hosted public vaccination site can get a free Uber or Lyft ride. Call 2-1-1 or (866) 211-9966 to receive a voucher to cover the cost of an Uber ride to and from your vaccination appointments. IU Health offers free Lyft rides to any vaccine site in the state. Call 888-IUHEALTH (888-484-3258) and choose option 9 if you need transportation to your vaccine appointment.

As of Friday, a total of 5,232,996 doses have been administered in Indiana. This includes 2,674,149 first doses and 2,558,847 individuals who are fully vaccinated. The fully vaccinated number represents individuals who have received a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and those who received the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

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said Hobbs. "This is a one-time request. A sustainability plan will be built to maintain the facility."

Hobbs said other fund-

ing sources will be from individuals, businesses, private foundations and federal funding through the EDA grant.

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## AG TAXES

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economy could help explain why producers appear to be very bullish about farmland values and cash rental rates while at the same time

expressing less optimism about both current conditions and future expectations for the agricultural economy overall," Mintert said.

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

**Proverbs 12:19**

# U.S. needs to face its own pandemic failures

Is the COVID-19 pandemic the result of an accidental release of a dangerous virus created at the Wuhan Institute of Virology? Or did it arise naturally, jumping from an animal to a human, as so many other dangerous infectious organisms do?

Until recently the "lab-leak" theory was largely viewed as a political ploy by the Trump administration to deflect attention away from its inept response to the pandemic. Facebook went so far as to ban posts that pushed the idea, which was popular among conspiracy theorists. The scientific community and the Chinese government maintained that SARS-CoV-2 jumped from an animal to a human. It was (and is) a reasonable assumption; that's how the two previous deadly coronaviruses, which caused SARS and MERS, were presumed born. In March, a joint investigation by the World Health Organization and Beijing concluded that it was "extremely unlikely" the virus escaped from a lab; instead, the investigators said, it could have originated at a wild animal farm.

But the lab accident theory is plausible too. Dangerous viruses escape from labs with alarming regularity. And new information has lent new credence to the idea that it's at least as possible that the virus was manufactured by humans as by nature. The WHO report was criticized, even from within its own ranks, for relying on information from Chinese authorities who, for obvious reasons, had an incentive to withhold evidence that might lay the blame for the pandemic at their feet. Then new information emerged about workers at the lab getting seriously ill from some COVID-like infection in fall 2019, and a growing number of scientists called publicly for deeper examination of the origin of COVID-19.

Last week, President Biden asked the intelligence community for a more thorough investigation into the two scenarios. He's right to do so. There's value in trying to pinpoint, to the degree it is possible, the provenance of this deadly virus in order to stop another one from emerging in the same manner. However, it's unclear if U.S.

agents will have better access to any illuminating information than the WHO team.

Democrats and the media are now being ridiculed for dismissing the lab leak theory out of hand when President Trump uttered it. The rush to judgment was wrong, but consider the source. Trump lied so often, many of his statements about COVID-19 had no credibility. (Remember bleach injections?) And Trump made it clear from the start of the pandemic that he was going to blame China whether there was evidence to support it or not.

We may never be certain of the true origins of COVID-19, but we can be sure that this isn't the last time humanity will be faced with a deadly virus. To that end, the U.S. needs to spend at least as much energy investigating how it handled — and mishandled in some cases — the pandemic once it arrived. We may not be able to stop nations or nature from letting loose deadly diseases, but we can and should do a better job responding to them.

*This editorial was first published in The Los Angeles Times.*

# Thoughts on the infrastructure plan

President Biden laid out his infrastructure plan in a recent address to Congress. The American Jobs Plan contains spending priorities that go well beyond traditional roads and bridges. It deserves an honest appraisal, including an assessment of the economic conditions we now face. I begin by sharing my initial skepticism.

**Michael Hicks**



I believe the plan is too large and happens too quickly on the heels of pandemic relief. I'm afraid it uses some inappropriate tools to address real problems. And, it tries to remedy some problems that don't actually exist. However, there are three reasons why this proposal could be more effective than even

its most ardent supporters hope.

The first is that our economy has been stuck in low gear for more than a decade. There is growing evidence that this has some of its roots in the last recession. Despite historically low interest rates and large tax cuts, private capital investment grew very slowly. If the Fed is unable to boost the economy by easing interest rates, some fiscal policy will be needed. Hence the broad infrastructure bill.

It is important to note that the Trump tax cuts were predicated on exactly the same theory. My 2017 column supporting the Trump tax cuts noted, "We are stuck in a very slow growth expansion." Had we not embarked on a disastrous trade war, perhaps it would have boosted growth. But, it did not. As the infrastructure bill descends into a predictable partisan divide, it is useful to know that the economic theory behind deficit spending is the same whether it comes through tax cuts or spending increases. The only real difference is how quickly the effects move through the economy.

Second, we have some meaningful infrastructure shortfalls. While the federal government spends a great deal of money, a declining share of it targets productive infrastructure spending. There is even some evidence that the recent decline in public investment has contributed to slowing economic growth. The most widely accepted studies on infrastructure impact suggest a modest, but long-term boost to productivity from increased spending.

Supporters of infrastructure spending will likely argue that it creates lots of jobs. That may be true, but the real benefit isn't a five-year burst of construction work. It is the long-term effects of safer, less congested roadways, more secure power supplies, and better telecommunications networks that boosts growth. A better argument than the popular, but misguided, short-term job creation claims is that it is good investment.

The U.S. government can now borrow money for 10 years at a negative real interest rate. Folks, that means that investors are paying the U.S. government to borrow their money. This is because there are no private investment opportunities that are safe enough to lure investors. All that may change of course, but now is a superb time to invest in public infrastructure.

The third argument for this infrastructure untrue bill is that we may have neglected many public investments that are important, even if they aren't measured in Gross Domestic Product. Most large American cities have water and sewer infrastructure partially built before the 20th century. Broadband telecommunications remain unavailable in many places, limiting the quality of education, public services and the delivery of healthcare and emergency services. Addressing these things won't cause a burst of economic growth but it can reduce costs for state and local governments.

These types of investments also improve the lives of many citizens, particularly those whose economic prospects have been most challenged by longer-term changes to the economy. Some parts of the infrastructure plan, which target spending on children care and early childhood education, may help. These aren't traditional infrastructure, but that does not make them unimportant. Our nation has yet to figure out how to reduce economic inequality that manifests itself before children enter elementary school. This program may not do so, but it is a serious effort. This program also targets more R&D spending, which is a long-term catalyst for a growing economy.

Despite my aforementioned misgivings about the infrastructure proposal, it has serious elements that address real, persistent problems in our economy. Moreover, the Biden administration proposes this without dramatically expanding the scope of government. The bill contains no new big programs or agencies, no vast new government apparatus or power. It's a lot of spending, more than I would wish, but not a new bureaucracy.

True conservatives should be pleased with that and should try to work to improve the plan. Compromise that extends the spending over a longer timeline would enable better coordination between types of construction, reduce the risk of skyrocketing construction costs and yield more long-term benefits. The childcare programs should be family based and agnostic about the type of early childhood education or childcare. We should be indifferent between spending the same amount of money on a homeschool program as we do a traditional provider.

We should reward local governments who target their spending to support local infrastructure. We should spend R&D money on new science, and on new ways to prioritize public services, reduce barriers to economic integration and promote a stronger, more secure nation. These ideas have always been consistent with conservative principles, and should attract compromise. They probably will not.

In the coming months, the infrastructure plan will run through the rigors of appropriations, so it will be different when finally passed by Congress. However, something like it will surely pass. It is not a panacea to all our economic woes, but neither is it socialism. We'd all be wise to view it with healthy skepticism, while hoping my hesitations about it don't come to pass.

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# A future with fewer?

By KYLE MAY

By 2050 Wabash County could have 5,000 fewer residents than it does today. This slow but steady decline began in 1980 when the county reached its high point for in-migration and population. That year, close to 400 people moved in and the population tipped over 36,500 residents for the first time.

Since then, between 50 and 100 households have left each year. The population isn't the only measure for community vitality, but the consistent loss has had an impact and will continue to compound.

Communities in decline around Indiana and the broader Midwest have experienced a wide range of effects as a result of the trend. Some of these are expected direct impacts like declining school enrollment and lower tax revenue or increasing tax burden. Many are more subtle, like a softening retail and housing market, smaller workforce and others. Now four decades into the trend, Wabash County can document the changes. A loss of 5,000 additional people would mean 1,800 fewer families and their children in the county's three school districts, 2,000 fewer needed housing units, along with a greater tax burden on

remaining residents and businesses.

"We tend to get fixated on the overall number when we talk about population as communities, but really, it's about continued investment and sustainability. New people mean more than just our ranking in the state. They mean new families, students, homeowners, businesses, and amenities. Without this energy it makes everything just a little harder," said North Manchester town manager Adam Penrod.

Regionally, however, the population picture is more positive and points toward opportunity for the county. As Wabash decreased from 1980, the 11-county region centering on Fort Wayne grew by more than 150,000, or 25 percent. This growth outpaced the state (23 percent over the same period) and has continued through 2020 with bold plans to reach one million total residents in the area by 2030.

Imagine One 85 is a process to confront the population challenge head-on.

Through direct engagement with the community and stakeholders and in-depth analysis of the county's conditions and trends, the Steering Committee is working to develop a strong and visionary plan to help lead

the communities of the county toward growth. A recent presentation by the group revealed that the county would need to grow by 85 new families or households each year to recapture its previous population high in 25 years. The "485" initiative is emerging as a central recommendation of the work, with strategies focused squarely on the challenge.

On Wednesday, July 14 the Steering Committee will host an event to explore the challenges and potential of Wabash County.

The Imagine One 85 Growth Summit will be a unique and interactive moment for community members to share and make a direct impact on their community. The meeting will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on the Honeywell Plaza and include food and entertainment highlighting the best of Wabash County. Attendance is free and registration is available on the project website, [www.imagineone85.org](http://www.imagineone85.org).

*This is the first in a multi-part series developed to share the major findings of the Imagine One 85 analysis and community conversations. For more information on the content or reports, please contact Imagine One 85 project manager Kyle May by email at [kyle@planning-next.com](mailto:kyle@planning-next.com). The full series will also be shared on the process website, [www.imagineone85.org](http://www.imagineone85.org).*

## HISTORY

Today is Saturday, June 5, the 156th day of 2021. There are 209 days left in the year.

### Highlight in history:

On June 5, 1967, war erupted in the Middle East as Israel, anticipating a possible attack by its Arab neighbors, launched a series of pre-emptive airfield strikes that destroyed nearly the entire Egyptian air force; Syria, Jordan and Iraq then entered the conflict.

### On this date:

In 1794, Congress passed the Neutrality Act, which prohibited Americans from taking part in any

military action against a country that was at peace with the United States.

In 1912, U.S. Marines landed in Cuba at the order of President William Howard Taft to ensure order and protect U.S. interests.

In 1917, about 10 million American men between the ages of 21 and 31 began registering for the draft in World War I.

In 1950, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Henderson v. United States*, struck down racially segregated railroad dining cars.



# LIFESTYLES

## More moreish food, please

Years ago, we moved from our home in Switzerland to England. Among the mixed emotions, one standout was a relief to live again in an English-language culture.

While I can write at length about our bumbling and surprisingly foreign experience settling into U.K. life, I will stay on the topic of

Lynda Balslev



England in our well-intentioned quest to blend in. After all, we were fluent in the local language – we only missed a sturdy pair of wellies.

So, after arrival in London and a brief rental experience, we moved to a small provincial hamlet on the edge of the south coast, where we purchased a rambling, feng shui-challenged barn renovation with distant views to the Isle of Wight. Suddenly, we found ourselves feeling quite foreign with a steep learning curve before us. Among many of our adjustments, we were about to experience a crash course in British English.

We quickly adjusted to referring to the car boot (not trunk) and clothing articles such as knickers, jumpers and trainers. Perhaps more important, we awkwardly learned to never, ever, compliment someone on their pants (blush), for they are trousers. Our written word adjusted, as well, to include u’s and t’s (neighbour, favourite, learnt, burnt). The letter “z” became “zed” and was often substituted with an “s,” as in finalise and civilised.

The language differences also extended to food terminology. Take, for example, the notion of tea. If your child was invited home by a classmate for tea one day, rest assured your precious 4-year-old would not be served a scalding cup of Earl Grey. Most likely, he would be supplied with an early supper served to children; beans on toast is a favorite. Or, if you were invited to a neighbor’s home for dinner and asked to bring a pudding, not to worry as to whether you should recreate a butter-scotch pudding recipe from your childhood or up the ante with a posh chocolate mousse. Pudding, you see, is a synonym for dessert in British English, so you would be free to go big and whip up a cake or trifle.



Photo by Lynda Balslev for Tastefood

Which brings me to one of my favorite descriptive words pertaining to food in British English: moreish. When I first heard it, I pictured long banquet tables of Arab moors digging into a sumptuous feast. I quickly learned that the word is more-ish, and it applies to a dish or food you simply cannot stop eating. It’s so delicious, you want more.

And moreish is what I was thinking when I wrote this recipe. While Asia is far from England, these spiced Asian pork lettuce wraps are indeed moreish. They are crisp and juicy, laced with ginger and spice. Better yet, you must eat them with your hands, which is a fun, interactive and dribbly affair, and seems to make them taste even better. So, tuck in and enjoy these little bites. One will certainly not be enough.

**Asian Pork Meatball Lettuce Wraps**  
**Active time: 1 hour**  
**Total time: 1 hour, plus chilling time**  
**Yield: Makes 18 meatballs**  
**Meatballs:**

- 1 1/2 pounds ground pork (turkey may be substituted)
- 3 large garlic cloves, minced
- 3 tablespoons Panko bread crumbs

- 1 scallion, finely chopped, green ends reserved for the rice
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped cilantro
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon finely grated peeled fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

**Rice:**

- 1 cup basmati or jasmine rice
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 small red jalapeno chile pepper, seeded and minced
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil

**Sauce:**

- 1/4 cup unseasoned rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons sweet chile sauce
- 2 teaspoons toasted sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 1/2 tablespoon finely chopped fresh mint leaves
- 2 teaspoons finely grated peeled fresh ginger
- Vegetable oil for pan frying
- Little gem or butter lettuce leaves for wrapping
- Asian hot sauce, such as Sriracha

Combine all the meatball ingredients in a bowl and gently mix to blend. Using a

light hand, form the mixture into 1 1/2-inch meatballs. Place on a plate and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or up to 24 hours.

Prepare the rice: Add the rice, 1 1/2 cups water and the salt to a medium saucepan. Bring to a simmer over medium heat. Cover the pot and reduce the heat to low. Cook until the water is absorbed and the rice is tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from the heat and remove the lid. Lay a kitchen towel over the saucepan and replace the lid. Let the rice steam for 5 minutes. Fluff with a fork and gently stir in the reserved green scallion ends, the chile pepper and sesame oil.

Mix all the sauce ingredients together in a small bowl.

Cook the meatballs: Heat the oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add the meatballs to the skillet without overcrowding, and gently press to slightly flatten. Cook until well browned on all sides and thoroughly cooked through, 8 to 10 minutes, turning as needed. Transfer to a plate lined with a paper towel and repeat with the remaining meatballs.

To serve, spoon a little rice into a lettuce leaf. Top with a meatball and drizzle with the sauce. Serve with additional hot sauce if desired.

## Couple building replica of 1908 Wright brothers’ first military aircraft

By JEFF HAMPTON  
The Virginian-Pilot (TNS)



First Flight Foundation / TNS

The Wright brothers built this 1908 airplane for the U.S. Army. It was the first plane in America to fly a passenger and the world’s first military aircraft.

NORFOLK, Va. — The Wright brothers soared over Outer Banks dunes for about a minute in 1903 and, within five years, built the world’s first military airplane that could travel 125 miles.

The 1908 aircraft would be the first in America to carry a passenger and could cruise 40 mph, about as fast as a good racehorse. The Wrights’ success began a frenzy of flying experiments in Europe and America, quickly improving the “heavier-than-air flying machine.”

“The advancement between 1903 and 1914 when the war began is enormous,” said Tom Crouch, retired senior curator of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum and author of three books about the Wrights.

The First Flight Foundation is funding a reproduction of the 1908 aircraft, to be built by vintage airplane builders Rick and Sue Young of Chester. The couple has constructed several Wright models over 40 years, Rick Young said in an email. Their work has helped them uncover some of the brothers’ methods, he said.

“While we know much about what the Wrights accomplished, how they accomplished it remains largely unknown,” Young said.

The replica will be donated to the North Carolina Museum of History after it is completed next year, he said.

After their historic flights on Dec. 17, 1903, the Wrights kept improving their aircraft in a pasture near their Dayton, Ohio, home until 1905, when they flew the world’s first “practical” aircraft, Crouch said. The plane could take off, maneuver and fly until the fuel ran out, he said.

The U.S. Army contracted with the Wrights to build one “heavier-than-air flying machine” for \$25,000 that could carry a passenger, fly at least 40 mph and travel 125 miles, according to a copy of the original contract provided by Young.

The U.S. Army wanted it for surveillance rather than aerial dogfights. The Europeans would build those later.

The pilot and passenger would need to sit upright. Until then, the Wrights had flown by lying prone on the aircraft, believing it was

better for aerodynamics. As it turned out, sitting upright did not bother flight.

The Wrights returned to the Outer Banks in May 1908 to test the remodeled 1905 machine. They made 22 flights over eight days. Then, Orville flew with their mechanic, Charles Furnas, seated next to him on May 14, 1908. Furnas was the first powered-airplane passenger in America.

The Wrights also sold a plane to French investors. Wilbur Wright flew in Europe to demonstrate the latest model for the first time publicly. The flights were a great success before thousands of spectators, including royalty, Crouch said.

Later in 1908, Orville was flying a plane with a passenger at then-Army base Fort Myer in Virginia when a propeller snapped and it crashed. Army Lt. Thomas Selfridge died, becoming the first powered-flight fatality. The Army realized it was a part failure, not a design flaw, and purchased a Wright plane anyway, Crouch said.

Later, Wilbur Wright taught three Army officers to fly, making them the first American military pilots in history and among the first in the world, Crouch said.

As war approached, European countries invested heavily in powered flight and were far ahead of the Americans by 1914, he said. When the United States entered war, American pilots flew mostly European aircraft.

The new 1908 replica is being donated in honor of the late Willard “Will” Gathings Plentl, Jr., a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, the first director of North Carolina Aviation and former president of the First Flight Foundation.

The 1908 model will join the museum’s reproductions of the Wrights’ 1903 airplane and the 1902 and 1911 gliders, the release said. The Youngs also built the 1911 glider displayed in the museum lobby.

## ‘Better than the hospital’: Pandemic boosts care for serious illnesses at home

By STEPHANIE O’NEILL  
Kaiser Health News (TNS)

Late last year, Janet Yetenekian was one of the thousands of people in Southern California whose case of COVID-19 was serious enough to send her to the hospital. But Yetenekian’s recovery was not typical: She received hospital-level care in her own home in Glendale.

“It was even better than the hospital,” Yetenekian said, laughing. “They were constantly reaching out – it’s time for you to do your vitals, or it’s time for you to take your medications.”

Yetenekian contracted the virus that causes COVID-19 in December, after friends invited her family to an afternoon barbecue. It seemed like a safe antidote to the isolation caused by the pandemic. But the day after the gathering, the host came down with a fever. A test confirmed it was COVID-19. Within two weeks, Yetenekian’s husband and two teenage children developed mild symptoms. She came down with a more serious case, however, and her blood oxygen plummeted to danger-

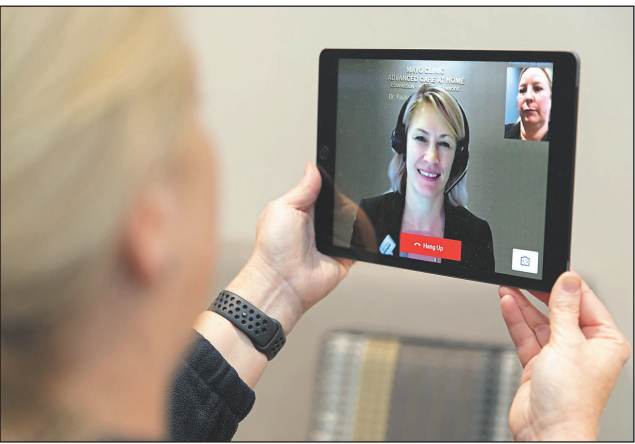
ously low levels.

She went to the hospital at Adventist Health in Glendale, where doctors told her she would need an intravenous infusion of the antiviral drug remdesivir and constant monitoring. And it surprised Yetenekian when her doctor offered to move all her care home to be monitored virtually.

Doctors and nurses at a command center nearly 200 miles away in the San Joaquin Valley town of Hanford, California, managed Yetenekian’s care as part of a new federal effort aimed at freeing up hospital beds during public health emergencies. Under the model, about 60 illnesses – including COVID-19 – qualify for home treatment.

“Heart failure, pneumonia, skin infections – those are all patient populations we can safely care for in the home,” said Dr. Margaret Paulson, who leads the Mayo Clinic’s new home-based care program in rural Wisconsin.

Hospital care at home is nothing new for patients with low-level health needs. But since the pandemic began, a growing number of health systems, including Adventist



Mayo Clinic / TNS

Dr. Margaret Paulson interacts with a patient via a tablet as part of Mayo Clinics home-based hospital care program. Paulson says once patients understand that hospital-at-home care does not mean less care, they embrace it.

Health, the Mayo Clinic and Kaiser Permanente (which is not affiliated with KHN) are offering people with more serious health conditions hospital-level treatment in the comfort of their homes.

Paulson said that, once her patients understand home care does not mean less care, they eagerly embrace it.

“Especially for patients who have been in the hospital a lot, to know that they can actually go home and sleep in their own bed and be with their family and have

their pets by their side, it’s just really reassuring,” Paulson said.

And studies suggest at-home care provides better outcomes for patients and costs less to provide than traditional inpatient care.

“This is actually a higher level of touch from physicians and advanced practitioners,” said Dr. Kavita Patel, a physician and health policy fellow at the Brookings Institution.

Regular video conferencing and 24/7 monitoring is

augmented by twice-daily, in-person visits by nurses and other health workers who provide basic care – such as antibiotics – that can’t be given virtually.

“This isn’t just sending Mom or Dad to the bedroom,” Patel said.

The technology infrastructure is key, Patel said, for patients and doctors. It includes Wi-Fi phones that ring directly into a hospital’s command center, iPads that allow videoconferencing with health professionals and wearable devices with emergency call buttons.

Raphael Rakowski is co-founder of Medically Home, a Boston-based technology company that supports at-home programs for Adventist Health. Mayo Clinic and Kaiser Permanente announced on May 13 a combined \$100 million investment in Medically Home to help expand the service to other health systems. Rakowski said another selling point of the at-home care model is that there are no facility transfers as patients heal.

“We stay with the patient until they’re fully recovered, and that averages anywhere from 20 to 30 days, some-

times longer,” he said. “So, we substitute not just for the hospital, but for all the care that follows.”

Still, the program is not a good fit for every patient. To be eligible for care at home, patients must live within 30 minutes of emergency care; they also need high-speed internet and, said Patel, they can’t be too sick.

“This can’t be something where it’s so complicated that you are monitoring a patient, worried that they could crash and need to be in the ICU within minutes,” she said.

But for moderate COVID-19 and dozens of other conditions, acute hospital care at home is likely to become a more common option as more health systems adopt the program and even more diseases are included. It is offered now in 30 states.

KHN (Kaiser Health News) is a national newsroom that produces in-depth journalism about health issues. Together with Policy Analysis and Polling, KHN is one of the three major operating programs at KFF (Kaiser Family Foundation). KFF is an endowed nonprofit organization providing information on health issues to the nation. This story is part of a reporting partnership that includes NPR and KHN.



VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, June 6 at Asbury Country Church, Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service is at 10:30 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick and the piano will be by Roger Marine. The morning message will be, "Why Not and When?" by Pastor Mike Bullick.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting [www.bachelorcreek.com](http://www.bachelorcreek.com).

Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, June 6 worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards' scripture reading will be Psalm 22 with a sermon reflection titled, "Holy Communion." Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/](http://www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/).

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. COVID-19 precautions will be taken in the form of masks being worn by prayer house representatives and social distancing. For more informa-

tion, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

For the Sunday, June 6 services at Dora Christian Church in Lagro the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday services at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message will be "Disciples Get Together" from Acts 2:42-47, part of June's sermon series, "The Acts of the Disciples." The Communion Table will be served by Scott Hendry and John Troyer. Children's Church for the 10:30 a.m. service will be led by Kelly and Lynnette Good.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at [www.lafontainechristian.com](http://www.lafontainechristian.com) under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

Lincolnton United Methodist Church

Lincolnton United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person

worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit [www.livingfaithwabash.org](http://www.livingfaithwabash.org).

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting [www.manchestercob.net](http://www.manchestercob.net). Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrina Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find

it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting [www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch](http://www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch) or through the church website [www.olivebranchchurch.com](http://www.olivebranchchurch.com). Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email [rvumc@hotmail.com](mailto:rvumc@hotmail.com).

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to [www.urbanayokeparish.com](http://www.urbanayokeparish.com). Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 West Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website [wabashchristian.org](http://wabashchristian.org). Stephen Eberhard is the transitional minister.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

The Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., moved into the second phase of their re-opening on Sunday, May 16, said administrative assistant Michelle Roudebush. During this phase of the re-opening, the church is requiring a mask while in the building and encouraging social distancing. Roudebush said they would be refraining from congregational singing. "We are planning to have fully vaccinated song leaders sharing during this phase," said Roudebush. Roudebush said they are encouraging people to visit with one another outside, after the service, as the weather permits and collecting offerings in the back of their building, in a marked box. Roudebush said they were planning to move into the third phase of their re-opening plans starting Sunday, June 6. These changes will include recommending but not requiring a face mask while in the building, continuing to encourage social distancing, returning to congregational singing and offering plates being passed again. Roudebush said during their second Sunday back open - Sunday, May 23 - they offered coffee and juice after the worship service near the tree outside their building, weather permitting. Roudebush said they wanted to ensure that those who still sought a virtual option would have that available going forward. If you have questions or concerns about our plans for re-opening for in-person worship, please be in touch with Pastor Doug Veal. You may reach Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at [pastordoug@wabashcob.org](mailto:pastordoug@wabashcob.org).

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service

is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for "Wabash Nazarene" or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit [www.wabashnaz.com](http://www.wabashnaz.com), look for the home page, and find "Latest Sermon."

Wabash First Church of God

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 6 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on "A Discerning Life - Part 2." The sermon can also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard on Sunday at 11 a.m. on 105.9 FM. While in the church building, masks are optional but we do practice social distancing. Sunday servants are Dorothy Carpenter, chairperson; Sherry Whitt, worship; Rose Sands, organ; and Nancy Kolb, piano.

Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children's worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. For more information, visit [www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com](http://www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com).

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/zionwabash](http://www.facebook.com/zionwabash) at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. *Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplainedealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplainedealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

Indiana seeks \$620K repayment after audit finds students not online

SOUTH BEND (AP) — State education officials want a northern Indiana school district to repay more than \$620,000 after an audit found it claimed money for dozens of students who never logged into an alternative school's online classes. The Indiana Department of Education asked state auditors to review the enrollment at the South Bend Community School Corporation's Rise Up Academy following a complaint that students were

not receiving an adequate education, according to a State Board of Accounts report. Auditors reviewed enrollment and attendance figures dating to July 2018 and found dozens of students counted in the district's requests for enrollment-based funding who had never logged into South Bend's online learning platform, the South Bend Tribune reported. School administrators admit some students' lack of participation in online learn-

ing was overlooked during enrollment counts, and the district has already paid back more than \$360,000 in state money. But the district has disputed claims over some students' status during the 2018-2019 and 2019-20 school years and is waiting for a final response from the state. "We're working closely to reach a reasonable conclusion in the matter," said Todd Cummings, the district's superintendent.

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**0900**

NOTICE OF HEARING  
BEFORE THE WABASH COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
IN THE MATTER OF THE HEETER-BLICKENSTAFF-CREAGER #571 REGULATED DRAIN, LOCATED IN CHESTER TOWNSHIP, WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA  
To Whom It May Concern:  
You are hereby notified that on the 21st day of June 2021, A HEARING will be held at 10:00 A.M. in the Office of the Wabash County Surveyor, Courthouse, 1 West Hill St., Wabash, Indiana; before the Wabash County Drainage Board on the proposed Reconstruction and Increased Annual Maintenance for the above said drain. The Plans, Engineer's Report, Surveyor's Report and the Schedule of Assessments have been filed and are available for public inspection in the Office of the Wabash County Surveyor. Not less than five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing, any owner of land affected may file with the Board a written objection to the report, plans and/or schedule of assessments.  
Wabash County Drainage Board  
Barry Eppley, Chairman  
Dated: June 5, 2021  
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**0900**

WABASH COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION  
WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Notice is hereby given of a public hearing before the Wabash County Board of Zoning Appeals on the 22nd day of JUNE, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission, top floor the Wabash County Court House, Wabash, Indiana.  
The purpose of the hearing is to consider the application of JERRY AND JOYCE BRINER for SPECIAL EXCEPTION #: 8 TO CONSTRUCT A LAKE, POND, EARTHEN STRUCTURE GREATER THAN 100 SQUARE FEET IN AN AG ZONED AREA.  
The geographical area affected by the changes requested is generally described as: PART OF THE SOUTH WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 29N, RANGE 7E, CHESTER TOWNSHIP, WABASH COUNTY, 3.0 ACRES  
A copy of the proposal is now on file in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission and is available for public examination. Any written objections that are filed with the secretary of the Wabash County Plan Commission prior to the hearing will be considered and, at the hearing, the Wabash County Plan Commission will consider any additional comments concerning the application. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.  
NOTICE: Indiana Code 36-7-4-920 forbids any person from communicating with a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals before the hearing with the intent to influence a member's action on a matter pending before the Board.  
Wabash County Plan Commission  
Wabash County Courthouse  
One West Hill St  
Wabash, Indiana 46992  
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**0900**

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS  
HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL INCOME TAX  
ORDINANCE 2021-85-06**

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Wabash County, Indiana, that the Wabash County Council will consider at the Wabash County Courthouse at 6:00 p.m. on Monday June 21, 2021 the following proposed ordinance regarding the local income tax imposed within Wabash County.  
**BEFORE THE WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL  
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-85-06  
AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING LOCAL INCOME TAX ALLOCATIONS**

On June 21, 2021, a public hearing was held to consider an ordinance (a) decreasing property tax relief rates from 0.50% to 0.40%, and (b) allocating 0.1% to the LIT Correctional Facility. Proper notice of the public hearing was provided pursuant to IC 5-3-1.  
**BE IT ORDAINED** that, effective January 1, 2022, the local income tax rate imposed within the County shall be modified as follows:

Local Income Tax Type	Existing Rate	Proposed Rate
Property Tax Relief Rate (IC 6-3.6-5	0.50%	0.40%
Expenditure Rate (IC 6-3.6-6-10)	2.4%	2.5%

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that, as of January 1, 2022, the previously imposed expenditure rate under IC 6-3.6-6 shall be allocated as follows:  
Revenue derived from the first 0.25% of the expenditure rate shall be used to provide for distributions to school corporations and other civil taxing units in accordance with IC 6-3.6-6-3. The remaining revenue shall be allocated as follows:

Allocation Rate Category	Existing Allocation Percentage	Proposed Allocation Percentage
Public Safety	0.34%	0.34%
Economic Development	.25%	.25%
Certified Shares	1.71%	1.71%
LIT Correctional Facility	0.10%	.20%

The public safety allocation identified above includes revenue associated with an expenditure rate that was previously authorized for the purpose of funding the county's public safety access point ("PSAP"). The revenue associated with this rate shall be directed to the PSAP prior to the distribution of the remainder of the public safety revenue.

Property Tax Credit Allocation Categories (IC 6-3.6-5-6)	Existing Percent of Revenue	Proposed Percent of Revenue
All Property Tax Allocation Categories	40%	40%
1% Allocation Type Homestead eligible for credit under IC 6-1.1-20.6-7.5	20%	20%
Residential property, as defined in 6-1.1-20.6-4	40%	40%

Allocation Rate Category	Existing LIT Rate	Proposed LIT Rate
Public Safety (IC 6-3.6-6)	0.34%	0.34%
Local Income Tax Type	Existing PSAP Rate	Proposed PSAP Rate
Public Safety Access Point Rate	0.09%	0.09%

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that, as of January 1, 2022, the previously imposed expenditure rate under IC 6-3.6-6 shall be allocated as follows:  
The expenditure rate identified above includes a rate associated with revenue to be directed to the LIT Correctional Facility The expenditure rate being directed to the LIT Correctional Facility after adoption of this ordinance is as follows:

Allocation Rate Category	Existing Rate	Proposed Rate
Correctional Facility	0.10%	0.20%

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the rates and allocations described herein shall continue in effect until rescinded or modified.

After the public hearing, the County Council may take action on the proposed ordinance. There is no remonstrance opportunity on any action taken on the proposed ordinance. The public hearing identified above is the taxpayer's opportunity to express concerns and ask questions on the proposed ordinance.  
Dated this 1st day of June, 2021.  
Wabash County Council

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WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Notice is hereby given of a public hearing before the Wabash County Board of Zoning Appeals on the 22nd day of JUNE, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission, top floor the Wabash County Court House, Wabash, Indiana.  
The purpose of the hearing is to consider the application of: MAR-GUERITE GUENIN for VARIANCE #: 6 A VARIANCE FROM THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE TO MAKE MORE THAN 1 SELL/SPLIT OF LESS THAN 20 ACRES WITHIN A FIVE YEAR PERIOD.  
The geographical area affected by the changes requested is generally described as: PART OF THE SOUTH WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 26N, RANGE 7E, LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, WABASH COUNTY, 117.712 ACRES  
A copy of the proposal is now on file in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission and is available for public examination. Any written objections that are filed with the secretary of the Wabash County Plan Commission prior to the hearing will be considered and, at the hearing, the Wabash County Plan Commission will consider any additional comments concerning the application. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.  
NOTICE: Indiana Code 36-7-4-920 forbids any person from communicating with a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals before the hearing with the intent to influence a member's action on a matter pending before the Board.  
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The purpose of the hearing is to consider the application of: CHARLES WEIKEL for VARIANCE #: 5 A VARIANCE FROM THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE TO MAKE MORE THAN 1 SELL/SPLIT OF LESS THAN 20 ACRES WITHIN A FIVE YEAR PERIOD.  
The geographical area affected by the changes requested is generally described as: PART OF THE NORTH WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 28N, RANGE 5E, PAW PAW TOWNSHIP, WABASH COUNTY, 6.64 ACRES  
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The purpose of the hearing is to consider the application of NATHAN & JAMIE HAUPERT for SPECIAL EXCEPTION #: 9 TO CONSTRUCT A LAKE, POND, EARTHEN STRUCTURE GREATER THAN 100 SQUARE FEET IN AN AG ZONED AREA WITH VARIANCE FROM: THE SETBACK REQUIREMENT FOR A POND FROM AN ADJOINING PROPERTY LINE.  
The geographical area affected by the changes requested is generally described as: PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 28N, RANGE 7E, LAGRO TOWNSHIP, WABASH COUNTY, 5.00 ACRES  
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SUMMONS – SERVICE BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF Wabash  
Wabash County Circuit Court  
CAUSE NUMBER: 85C01-2101-AD-000001  
In Re Adoption of Z.B.  
A Minor Child  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND COURT DATE  
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.  
You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. Donne Burrows and any interested party is notified that a petition for adoption of a child, named Zailey Burrows born to Jessica Morrisett on October 14, 2005 was filed in the office of the clerk of Wabash County Circuit Court, 59 West Hill Street, Wabash, IN 46992 . The petition for adoption alleges that the consent to adoption of Donne Burrows is not required because Donne Burrows has for a period of at least one (1) year failed without justifiable cause to communicate significantly with the child when able to do so and also for a period of at least one (1) year knowingly failed to provide for the care and support of the child when able to do so as required by law or judicial decree.  
If Donne Burrows seeks to contest the adoption of the child, Donne Burrows must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above named court not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice.  
If Donne Burrows does not file a motion to contest the adoption within thirty (30) days after service of this notice the above named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. The consent to adoption of Donne Burrows will be irrevocably implied and Donne Burrows will lose the right to contest either the adoption or the validity of Donne Burrows's implied consent to the adoption.  
No statement made to Jessica Morrisett relieves Donne Burrows of Donne Burrows's obligations under this notice.  
This notice complies with IC 31-19-4.5-3 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statutes.  
The nature of the suit against you is:  
Petition for Adoption of Z.B. (85C01-2101-AD-000001) with hearing for final adoption set for July 8, 2021 at 8:30am in Wabash County Circuit Court, 59 West Hill Street, Wabash, IN 46992.  
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: N/A  
And to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Donne Burrows  
In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit.  
If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the July 8, 2021 at 8:30am hearing date, and if you fail to do so a judgement will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.  
ATTEST:  
Clerk of the Wabash Court  
Erik Carter  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
CARTER LEGAL SERVICES LLC  
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Noblesville, IN 46060  
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# Girlfriend has a ‘fan club’ on facebook

**DEAR ABBY:** I’ve been dating the same woman for more than two years. She is a beautiful lady who has quite a few male “fans” on Facebook, mostly from before we met. What both-



ers me, and I don’t understand why, is her habit of posting selfies and then loving the comments from other men about her looks. We have discussed this many times, but she can’t seem to stop.

Other than this, we seem to have a healthy relationship with the occasional, normal hiccups. I would like to take it to the next level, but I can’t help wondering if the Facebook habit is a sign that she needs more than what our relationship is giving her. Please advise. – Hesitant In Ohio

**DEAR HESITANT:** Her Facebook habit may be a sign that your lady friend is insecure – or conceited – about her looks, which is why she encourages these “fans” by “hearting” their comments. Frankly, it’s sad that she needs more validation than she can get from one person, but that’s the woman you’re involved with. If she were seeing these men in the real world, I would say you have a serious problem. But she’s not, so it shouldn’t present a threat unless you make it one.

**DEAR ABBY:** My grandson, who I haven’t seen in 10 years, is getting married to a girl I don’t know. My husband, “Hank,” and I are invited to the wedding. We live 1,000 miles away, so we have to book a flight, reserve a hotel and pay for all our meals.

Hank has been waiting the last three months for a date for knee surgery. Most of the time, he’s in pain – especially when he walks. My daughter thinks we should postpone his surgery to attend the wedding. What do you think? – Debating In The South

**DEAR DEBATING:** Of course your daughter wants her father at her son’s wedding. That she would be disappointed – as would the both of you – is understandable. But does she really want him there limping, wincing and in constant pain? Remind her that it has taken three months to get this surgery calendared. Tell her you will be with them in spirit on their special day, but her father’s health must come first. Then stick to your guns.

**DEAR ABBY:** I work in a small office of 15 people. The person next to me is diabetic and wears a beeper that goes off all day long. Am I supposed to endure this annoying sound even though she can put it on vibrate? – Disturbed In Texas

**DEAR DISTURBED:** No, you are not. Ask your co-worker if putting her beeper on vibrate would work for her, because the sound distracts you. If she’s willing to do that, your problem is solved. However, if she isn’t, then it may be time to discuss this with your supervisor or employer because it may be possible to relocate your workstation to another area.

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

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- 46 Gather
- 49 Attack on a fort
- 52 Menu choice
- 54 Collected sayings
- 55 Pistachios
- 58 Expedition
- 59 Sales pitches
- 60 Take a header
- 61 Zero, on the court
- 62 “So long!”
- 63 Leave laughing
- 64 Dolly and her clones

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  - 2 Papas or Cara
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SIPEO

SDERS

FRNIMO

TROPYS

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“ ”

Yesterday’s Jumbles: LAUGH PANIC KERNEL IMPORT

Answer: He hadn’t fully thought out his invention of the fountain pen yet, but he did have an — INKLING

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Another round?

I’ve got this, buddy!

Thanks, pal! I know of a little house to bug tomorrow.

THE TERMITE AND COCKROACH THAT GOT TOGETHER AFTER WORK WERE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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“See what PJ learned from you?”

## BEEBLE BAILEY

I SAW YOUR STAND-UP COMEDY ROUTINE LAST NIGHT

WHAT DID YOU THINK?

THE GENERAL SURE DIDN’T AGREE, BUT I THOUGHT YOUR BIT ABOUT HIM WAS HILARIOUS!

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GREG + MORE WALKER

## BLONDIE

I’M GLAD TO SEE YOU FINALLY CLEANED UP YOUR ROOM

WELL, I REALLY WANTED TO GO OUT TONIGHT!

BUT YOUR CLOSET IS A DISASTER!

YOU REALLY CAN’T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS!

6-5

## HI & LOIS

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF TAKING UP GOLF?

THAT WOULD BE FUN. WE COULD BE A FOURSOME WITH THE HUBS.

I SENSE A DISTURBANCE IN THE FORCE.

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## BC

NEVER EAT FROM A FOOD TRUCK GUY WHO BRAGS ABOUT HOW FEW TIMES HE’S HAD RINGWORM.

ADVICE

6-5-21

## WIZARD OF ID

I KNOW YOU’RE UPSET ABOUT SOME OF MY TAX POLICIES, BUT REST ASSURED...

IT IS ALL BECAUSE WE HAVE TO SUPPORT THE HOMELESS SHELTER

POLITICS 101: BLAME THE POOR

6-5-21

## DILBERT

I MAJORED IN ELBONIAN LITERATURE IN COLLEGE.

WHICH WAS EXTRA CHALLENGING BECAUSE I DON’T SPEAK ELBONIAN, AND NONE OF THE BOOKS ARE TRANSLATED.

HOW DID YOU GET A DEGREE IN ELBONIAN LITERATURE WITHOUT READING ANY?

I’M A GREAT TEST-TAKER.

6-5-21

## GARFIELD

I DON’T TRUST YOU

YOU DON’T?

HE MUST BE PAYING ATTENTION

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## FORT KNOX

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A BIGFOOT COSTUME, MOM?

TRYING TO TRICK THE REAL BIGFOOT TO COME OUT.

I DON’T THINK HE’S GOING TO FALL FOR THAT.

I AGREE! THAT’S WHY I ALSO BUILT A TRAP WITH LIVE BAIT.

WHAT KIND OF LIVE BAIT?

ISN’T THAT LICE

I WANT MY GUINEA PIG BACK... PRONTO.

6/5

## PICKLES

I SWEAR THIS DOG CAN TELL TIME.

HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHEN I USUALLY FEED HIM.

IF I’M EVEN 2 MINUTES LATE WITH HIS DINNER HE STARTS MAKING SAD PUPPY DOG EYES AT ME.

WHY DOES IT ONLY WORK FOR THE DOG?

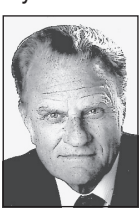
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# The Bible says teach your children about God

**Q:** Sometimes I have to stop my long-winded child because her prayer goes on and on. My other child is too timid to pray. Should I leave them alone or should I try to guide them? – T.P.

**A:** The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, and the Bible instructs parents to teach their children about God. “These words which I commanded you... shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up” (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). In other words, help them understand that they can pray about everything at any time, day or night.

**Billy Graham**  
My Answer



Prayer will not be awkward to them if you are filling their little minds with the things of God. Encourage your children to pray and teach them by example. When children see and hear their parents pray it can become a natural and important thing throughout their lives. But don’t force your children to pray. Perhaps a few minutes before bedtime you can read a story to them about Jesus and ask them if they understand what the story is about. There are so

many wonderful passages in the Bible that stir a child’s curiosity. When children see an adult excited about the Lord it often piques their interest. Let your children hear you pray. Use simple words they can understand. When you finish praying, ask them if there is something they want to thank God for. Teach them that thankfulness in prayer blesses the heart of God. Challenge them to give careful thought for what they ask.

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ JCHVYIU WYDH GYV KYGP  
DGVIZHV VJD TMID YO OIDDWYX  
VY VJD SDME YI VJD VCXCW.”  
— WSCPJV W. DCHDGJYS DI

Previous Solution: “We have to be militants for kindness, subversive for sweetness and radicals for tenderness.” — Cornel West

TODAY’S CLUE: 7 s i e n b e x





## Northfield continues its success at regionals

Semi-state play against South Central set for Saturday at Frankfort

By CLAY MAXFIELD

Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

Northfield's varsity softball team has had their fair share of winning this postseason after rolling through sectional play and doubling down with a shutout victory over Fremont on Thursday to give them a regional championship as well.

The Norsemen took care of the Fremont Eagles with ease after a 12-0 win, a game in which Northfield scored 10 runs in the second and third innings combined while Abigail Hunter controlled from the mound with six strikeouts.

From the perspective of Northfield head coach Brandon Baker, he touched on the continual upward trajectory that his team has taken throughout the season.

"They've really come together and played very good ball," Baker said. "Throughout the whole year, I thought our defense continually got better a lot quicker than our offense did. Now, they're starting to understand that every pitch matters and having good quality at-bats."

Offensively, Northfield has averaged nearly six and a half runs this postseason while holding their



Photo by Clay Maxfield / Plain Dealer

Addy Rosen adjusts her helmet during last month's game against Western.

opponents to just one and a half with two shutout wins in their four postseason games.

During sectional play, Northfield beat the likes of North Miami (4-2), Caston (7-4) and West Central (2-0) in the championship game.

However, their offense to defense ratio hasn't come easy as Baker pointed out their competition in sectionals and regionals

weren't pushovers.

"We had a tough sectional. We had number two, three and four in our sectional and we had to beat them all to win it and now we play number one in semi-state so hopefully, they understand that it can be done," he said.

The South Central Satellites (25-5) will stand as Northfield's next test as the Norsemen will look

to continue their postseason run on Saturday when they take on a team that will give them all they can handle in the batter's box.

South Central comes equipped with senior pitcher Holly Noveroske who averages a 2.22 earned run average (ERA) while junior Lauren Bowmar has recorded a 1.37 ERA this season. Both pitchers have combined for a 23-5

record with Noveroske tallying 16 of the 23 total wins.

"They're a good team," Baker said. "Looking at their stats, they all hit well. They've got a very good pitcher (Holly Noveroske). ... She's one of the best pitchers we are going to see all season. You expect that when you get to this point in the season. They hit all the way up and down the lineup."

As a team, South Central puts together a .424 batting average while being led by three players who bat over .500 in Olivia Marks, Delanie Gale and Mackenzie Lenze. The three aforementioned batters have over 60 at-bat appearances each.

Baker believes that for his team's season to continue they will need to rely on a mixture of their team's defense along with a concentrated effort on offense from top to bottom.

"One thing that Abby does a great job of is she doesn't try to strike everybody out. So, our defense then is going to have to work and be solid. If we can do that, we're going to have a good chance. ... For us, we need to hit one through nine and be a threat all the way up and down the offense," Baker said.

Northfield's first round of semi-state play against South Central takes place Saturday at Frankfort High School. The first pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Clay Maxfield, Wabash Plain Dealer freelance reporter, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplainedealer.com.

## Boggs signs to Mount Saint Joseph

STAFF REPORT

Bryant Boggs has signed a letter of intent to play football at Mount Saint Joseph, according to Wabash High School athletic director Floyd McWhirt.

Boggs was a four-year letter winner for the Wabash Apaches football program. He also played basketball and baseball for four years.

Boggs' high school accomplishments are:

- 2020 Football All-TRC WR
- 2019 Football All-County First Team Offense
- 2020 Football All-County First Team Offense
- 2020 Football All-State Honorable Mention

Boggs' extra-curricular activities include Key Club and Campus Life.

Boggs plans to obtain a degree in sports management.

"Congratulations to Bryant Boggs for continuing his athletic career at the next level," said McWhirt.

Provided photo

Bryant Boggs signs a letter of intent to play football at Mount Saint Joseph.



## Shank takes slow road to Indy 500 winners circle

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Michael Shank was so determined to expand his racing operation into IndyCar that he went ahead and bought a car for the 2012 season. But then he couldn't get an engine or even a call back from the series as he desperately tried to put together a team.

Shank eventually had to sell the car because it was useless without an engine supplier, and it took another five years to get a car with his name associated with it into the Indianapolis 500.

The steps he's taken since have been slow and deliberate and the payoff was bigger than anything he could have dreamed. Meyer Shank Racing won its first ever IndyCar race last weekend, 10 years after Shank first tried to launch the team.

It just happened to be the Indianapolis 500.

"I grew up in Columbus, Ohio, three hours from here," Shank said. "We used to get the Indianapolis Star for the month, my dad and I. We would listen about Uners, Andrettis, Rahals and just dream. The minute I got out of high school, (I) started driving race cars, trying to find a way to get to this place, and how to win it."

Helio Castroneves delivered the victory — it was the record-tying fourth Indy 500



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Meyer Shank Racing driver Helio Castroneves (center) celebrates with team owners Mike Shank (right) and Jim Meyer after kissing the bricks May 30 after winning the Indianapolis 500.

win for the Brazilian — in a part-time ride for the team. It was only during last year's pandemic-plagued season that Shank finally had the manpower and resources to run Jack Harvey for a full IndyCar schedule and this year the team had some flexibility to go even bigger.

Jim Meyer, an Indianapolis native, diehard Indy 500 fan and recently retired CEO of SiriusXM Radio, had bought an interest in Shank's team and mapped out a plan at Big Woods restaurant on Main Street in Speedway across from the track. MSR is a customer of Andretti Technologies — it receives technical support, Shank explained, but is absolutely independent and not an extension of the Andretti

organization — and Harvey had been making notable on-track progress.

To take the next steps, though, Shank and Meyer felt the team needed to function as two cars at Indianapolis and Castroneves was available. They signed the 46-year-old to a six-race deal with Indy as the first event.

"I can tell you we believed from the very beginning Helio could get a fourth," Meyer said. "I will also tell you until I got directly involved, after attending the event for 37 straight years, I failed to grasp how hard it is to win this race, just how many things have to go right, how hard you work to get everything prepared."

Shank since 2004 has run

a successful IMSA sports car program and in 2012 celebrated the top prize in American sports car competition with a Rolex 24 at Daytona victory. The team this year became an Acura factory-backed program that will be eligible to compete in the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 2023.

But nothing he'd accomplished to date compared to the feeling of Castroneves crossing the finish line to give a little team an improbable Indy 500 victory. Shank hurdled the speedway walls to get to Castroneves and join the fence-climbing celebration, hoping the entire time he wouldn't fall.

By the time he'd made it to post-race interviews, he'd already received a congratulatory call from Jim France, chairman of both IMSA and NASCAR. It was a far cry from 10 years ago when he couldn't even get an engine.

"For me it's about respect. I fight for it. I have to prove it all the time," Shank said. "I feel like we have to prove ourselves all the time. I'm hoping that this is the start of just a continued solid program."

"I don't want to have a six-car team. I want to do two at some point at a high level and I'm good, take care of our sponsors and partners really well. I hope this result you're asking me about lands me at that."

## 'Formidable group' of horses finish Triple Crown at Belmont

By STEPHEN WHYNO

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Kentucky Derby winner could be disqualified for the second time in three years, the Preakness winner pulled off a big upset and now nobody knows who is the best 3-year-old horse in the country.

Perhaps it'll be settled at the Belmont Stakes on Saturday.

The Belmont doesn't have the buzz of a Triple Crown on the line or drama surrounding Bob Baffert, though it's shaping up to be the most competitive race of the three and one of the best of the entire year. Preakness winner Rombauer, Kentucky Derby favorite Essential Quality and third-place finisher Hot Rod Charlie headline a deep field of eight that will rival almost any other race in 2021.

"It's a formidable group," said trainer Todd Pletcher, who has three horses in the race. "It's a good field. I think horses are coming out of the right races: Essential Quality's been consistent every time, I thought Hot Rod Charlie ran a great race in the Derby, if Rock Your World gets off to a better start, Rombauer coming off obviously winning the Preakness."

While Kentucky Derby Medina Spirit probably wasn't being entered in the Belmont anyway after finishing third in the Preakness, the New York Racing Association banned Baffert indefinitely and made it a moot point. Combined with Baffert's other four medication violations in the past 13 months, Medina Spirit's failed post-Derby drug test for the steroid betamethasone hasn't yet led to the colt's disqualification but has led to questions about whether he really is an elite racehorse.

After the failed drug test, Derby runner-up Mandaloun took the top spot of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association's top 3-year-old poll and Medina Spirit dropped to fourth. Trainer Michael McCarthy hopes Rombauer can be the first non-Baffert horse to win the Preakness and Belmont since Affleet Alex in 2005.

"It's a strange year," Mc-

Carthy said. "You don't have a real winner of the Kentucky Derby yet. You don't know how that plays out, but if someone's lucky enough to be winning two of the three legs of the Triple Crown, it gives them an awfully big advantage to anybody else, any other 3-year-old at this time of the year."

Some other things to know about the Belmont:

### Confident Cox

Trainer Brad Cox, who could "win" his first Kentucky Derby with Mandaloun if Medina Spirit is disqualified as expected, is optimistic Essential Quality can rebound from a fourth-place finish five weeks ago and make his case in the Belmont. Essential Quality opened as the 2-1 favorite, and rival trainers believe the gray is the horse to beat.

Cox isn't cocky, but he's confident.

"I feel like we're in a great spot with this colt," Cox said. "He's seemed to have won all of his races in different ways. He's able to set off a hot pace or lay close to the pace or however he's able to adapt. He's a racehorse, bottom line."

### Early leaders?

Jockey Luis Saez might have to adapt while riding Essential Quality because part of the fun and anticipation of the Belmont is no one knows how the 1 1/2-mile race is going to play out. Japan-based France Go de Ina seems incapable of having an uneventful trip to the track and is a wild card, and without Baffert there's no trainer expected to want his horse to go to the lead and set the pace.

Rock Your World is the likeliest candidate to jump out to the lead, and is a chic Belmont pick given his pedigree — as long as he gets a better run than his 17th place Derby result.

"He's got a lot of natural speed," assistant trainer Juan Leyva said. "I think he'll like (the distance). He's a big, lanky colt. I think he's going to do just fine."

There's also some jockey drama mixed in. Flavien Prat jumped off Rombauer despite winning the Preakness to rejoin Hot Rod Charlie, and Known Agenda's rider is TBD after Irad Ortiz took a nasty spill Thursday.






# Church Directory

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD


**Gospel Light Assembly of God**, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.


## BAPTIST

**Emmanuel Free Will Baptist**, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

**Southside Free Will Baptist**, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

## CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m. Face masks and social distancing required.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

**LaFontaine Christian Church**, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

## CHURCH OF GOD

**First Church of God**, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.


## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Transitional minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook. Services streaming on our website and Facebook.

## FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

## INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


## LUTHERAN

**Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC)**, 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

## UNITED METHODIST

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

 **Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.



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